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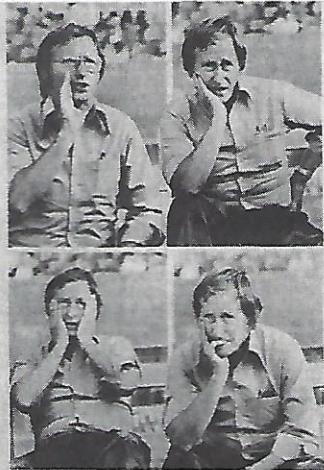
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Rudi Gutendorf, watching an under 19 trial game in Adelaide last week.

I'll do it my way and that means goals!

Goals is what soccer is all about. Goals bring spectators through the turnstiles. Goals are entertainment.

I aim to make the national team the model for the type of attacking soccer I hope to see developing in the Philips League, State Leagues and throughout the lower divisions.

Perhaps a few new rules should be introduced to the leagues to encourage more attacking soccer — but more about that at a later stage.

In America they say:
"A scoreless draw is like dancing with your sister — uninteresting."

They're dead right!

As I told a meeting of coaches in Sydney, I believe that the Australian mentality is basically not defensive.

I believe Australians have a lot of fighting spirit and aggression. I want to utilise these natural, positive qualities in our national team.

An offensive, aggressive system has more future than playing defensively and waiting to start counter-attacks.

I know it includes a lot of risk and that this risk is dangerous for a coach. However, it is attacking soccer that people want to see.

I am one of those lucky

coaches who can afford the luxury of losing games for the good of a long-term cause.

It is not until the important World Cup qualifying matches that we really have to win.

Look at runner Lasse Viren of Finland. He won gold medals in various Olympics but lost most races in between.

The important thing is to win the big ones and to work on improvement in between.

As a coach, I am not afraid of anybody. To further our cause I will have to make unpopular decisions. I will go my own way.

"Per aspera ad astra" — that will be my slogan. It means "On rough paths to the stars."

This is difficult for a club coach because he is expected to have success immediately, otherwise he is fired.

However, it should be possible for me as the national coach, as I know the executive of the Australian Soccer Federation, under chairman Sir Arthur George, are reasonable and farsighted people.

Talking about coaches, I believe the tendency of clubs to sack them willy-nilly is totally wrong. A club has all the time it wants to appoint a coach and having done so, it should keep him in the job for at least one year. That is how you get long-term results.

Allow me to give some of my personal views about modern soccer and tactics.

These days one can't win with fight and physical strength alone. It is important also to use modern techniques and cleverness.

All technical possibilities have to be brought to full development and individual skills have to be utilised for the benefit of the team.

But that does not mean the game doesn't have to be fought out to exhaustion as well.

It is essential to place great value on the technical training of the players.

The changeover from attack to defence and vice versa has to be made lightning fast at the right time and in perfect order.

The greater the discipline and order in a team, the more one player can rely on another.

The defence player can engage in an attack without worries because he can be sure his team mate will back him up and protect the open space. This has to be practised all the time.

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BIG CHANCE FOR SPAIN

A meeting in Madrid on November 12 will consider a plan that would give Australia a double chance of reaching the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

The plan, formulated by FIFA president Joao Havelange, is to increase the number of finalists from 16 to 20 or 24.

It will be discussed at the FIFA executive committee meeting.

Australia would qualify for a 24-team competition as the winner of either the Asian qualifying tournament or a supplementary competition.

This competition would be between 12 teams: four from Europe, two from Asia, two from Africa, two from Concacaf, one from South America and one from Oceania.

They would be split into three groups of four each, with the top two teams from each group qualifying for the final in Spain.

The first 18 qualifiers, under Havelange's plan, would be Spain, the organising country, Cup holder Argentina, 10 teams from Europe, three from South America, one from Asia, one from Africa and one from Concacaf (north, Central America and the Caribbean).

However, Havelange stresses that it will be up to Spain to decide whether it wishes to have an enlarged finals tournament.

The FIFA executive committee, which meets in Madrid on November 12, will nominate the organising committee for the 1982 World Cup.

After listening to the opinions and wishes of Spain, the committee will decide whether 16, 20 or 24 teams will contest the finals.

FIFA press relations officer Rene Courte said the proposed new formula was aimed at

"progress in football in general and the strengthening of the World Cup."

"It should arouse the interest not only of those continents where football is already well established and of a high standard, but also where the game is still developing," Mr Courte said.

The forthcoming FIFA meeting in November should give us some indication of what will happen to this very interesting initiative."



George Cross captain Billy Wilkinson is all smiles as he holds aloft the Victorian Dockerty Cup, which his team won after defeating Ringwood City 3-2 in the final on Sunday.

Norm Maitland (right) holds the base of the trophy.

Brisbane City at home for the eighth time

Brisbane City will defend the Philips Cup in the final against Adelaide City at Perry Park on Sunday.

Brisbane City has yet to play a Cup game away from home.

Sunday's final will be the club's eighth successive home match in the

two years since the Cup series started.

The draw for the 1978 final was made at ATVO in Melbourne last Sunday.

Brisbane City won the 1977 Cup by beating Marconi on penalties to break their 1-1 deadlock after extra time.

On the way to the final City beat West Adelaide 3-0, Western Suburbs on penalties after 1-1, and Brisbane

Lions 3-2.

This year it has beaten St George Souths (Old) 1-0, Brisbane Lions on penalties after 0-0 and Newcastle 2-0 in their semi-final last Sunday.

Adelaide City reached the final by beating Canberra 3-1 in the other semi-final, played in Adelaide.

Earlier victories were against West Adelaide 1-0 and Norlunga (SA) 5-0.

Last year Adelaide City lost to West Adelaide on penalties to break a 2-2 deadlock after extra time in the first round.

Adelaide City should be strengthened on Sunday by the return of star striker Dixie Deans who missed the match against Canberra due to a leg injury sustained in the 1-0 quarter-final victory against Essendon Croatia in Melbourne.

Adelaide City's scorers in

Philips Cup matches have been: 2. Marwe, Muniz; 1. Kosmina, Northcote, B. Nyskohus, Fife, Marochi.

Brisbane City's scorers have been: 4. Caldwell; 3. Kelso; 2. Johnston; 1. Tokesi, Pimblett, Kibbey, Echevarria, Coyne.

Likely teams for the final on Sunday:

BRISBANE CITY: Kim Wishart; Ian Rathmell, Steve

Perry, John Lavelle, David Ratcliffe, Frank Pimblett, Larry Gaffney, Brian Kibbey, John Coyne, Barry Kelso, Kevin Caldwell.

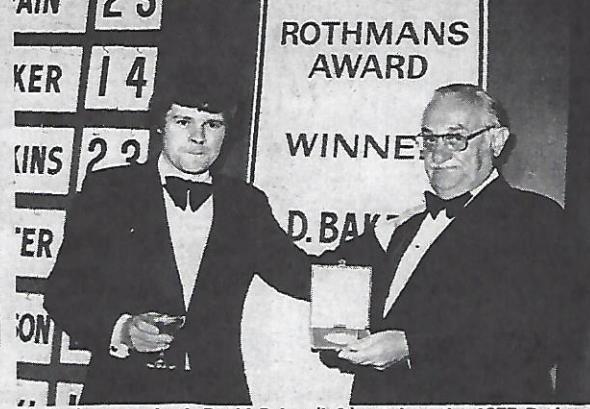
ADELAIDE CITY: Peter Marshall, Bugsy Nyskohus, John Besir, Frank Lister, Sergio Melia, John Perin, Zoran Matic or Gary Marochi, John Nyskohus, Dixie Deans or Robert Marwe, Brian Northcote.



Runner-up Frank Micic (left), of Footscray J.U.S.T. with 1973 Victorian Medal winner Vince Bannon of Fitzroy.



Manfred Schaefer, the former St George and Australian centre back — he won the NSW Rothmans Medal in 1972.



Hakoah centre back David Baker (left) receives the 1977 Rothmans Medal from ASF president Sir Arthur George. It was Baker's second victory.

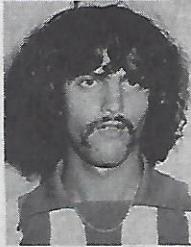


Pat Bannon of Fitzroy — he won the Victorian medal in 1974.



Speedy striker Rob Cullen of George Cross — will he win the Medal?

HAL THREAT TO ABONYI



Attila Abonyi or Craig Hall — they are the popular choices for the 1978 NSW Rothmans Medal.

Abonyi, player-coach of champion team Sydney Croatia and also top scorer of the State League, is overdue for a medal. He came third last year, when John Watkiss of Sutherland won it for the Melita Eagles' Tony Ikonomou — did well after transferring from Sydney Olympic and may be among the dark horses for the NSW Rothmans Medal.

JOHN HANSEN



South Melbourne Hellas's brilliant goalkeeper, John Hansen, doesn't take the field without his Uhlsport gloves. "Look, I've worn German gloves as far back as I can remember. They are the best in the world. Uhlsport gloves have helped me greatly with my game in all weather conditions."

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By DIETER WERNER

second time and his reputation has been further boosted — if that is possible — by his coaching success.

What may go against Abonyi in the voting is the tight marking he has to contend with in all his games.

In addition he may lose votes to some of his illustrious team mates, like Ian

Stone and Maurice Sullivan for example.

The all-time highest scorer of the national team and the second most-capped player, Abonyi was hoping against hope early this year that he would be given one last opportunity to play for his country against Greece.

He wasn't given that chance, so now he's hoping for the consolation of a medal vic-

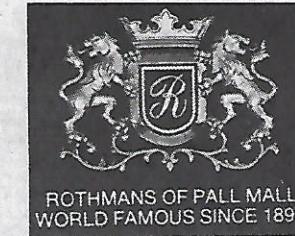
A majority vote for Abonyi would certainly be greeted by a standing ovation at the presentation night on October 9.

Young Craig Hall has played well enough to give Sutherland its second successive Medal triumph and its third since the Medal was struck.

Previous winners from the club have been Watkiss last year and John McDonald in 1975.

Hall's attacking ability was rewarded when he was chosen to play for NSW against Queensland recently.

Another leading candidate for the medal is Tom Mihajlovic, the long-serving player of Yugal.



ROTHMANS OF PALL MALL
WORLD FAMOUS SINCE 1890



Sydney Croatia player-coach Attila Abonyi scores a penalty. Abonyi and Craig Hall of Sutherland are red hot favorites for the NSW Rothmans Medal.

Eric Carruthers and John Doyle.

Carruthers has been excellent since transferring from West Adelaide but he probably has not played enough games to poll sufficient votes.

Inter-Monaro's Sebastian Giampaolo will be up near the leaders and might even win the Medal. Monaro was a newcomer to the league this year, and Giampaolo immediately caught the eye with his goalscoring displays.

Like Hall, he received his first representative honors this year.

Tony Ikonomou, who switched from Sydney Olympic, had some great games for Melita Eagles but Maltese idol Joe Ferrugia will draw many votes which may prove costly to Ikonomou.

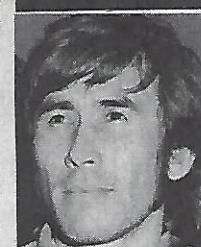
Willie Hamilton is likely to poll well at Auburn and Greg Lynch, the former Hakoah player, should be Bankstown's leading voter-getter.

Ross Brown should poll well for Marrickville Olympic, while Jim Izatt, Rick Hornezzab and Carlos Ortega would attract money from Toongabbie fans.



Eric Carruthers (right) the former Derby County player, has been starring with APIA since he switched to Sydney from West Adelaide.

Victorian, NSW Rothmans Medals, 1978



Skilful ballplayer Nelson Brizuela — his tricks must catch the referee's eye, so he is likely to do well in the voting. Brizuela, formerly of Marconi, switched from Melita Eagles to Arncliffe Scots this year.



Steve Short, a leading Medal contender from Slavia (Vic.).

ALL PAST WINNERS

NEW SOUTH WALES

Previous winners:

- 1970: GEORGE BLUES (Apia).
- 1971: JOHN WATKISS (Hakoah).
- 1972: MANFRED SCHAEFER (St. George).
- 1973: JOHN McDONALD (Auburn).
- 1974: MIKE TREBILCOCK (West. Subs).
- 1975: JOHN McDONALD (Sutherland).
- 1976: BRUCE STOWELL (Pan-Hellenic).
- 1977: JOHN WATKISS (Sutherland).
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32. STOWELL (Pan-Hellenic).
28. UTJESNOVIC (St. George).
25. O'CONNOR (Wollongong).
19. ABONYI (St. George). BULLIVAN (Croatia).
18. PERRY (West. Subs).
16. DEGENY (Marconi). ROONEY (Marconi).
15. STONE (West. Subs).

14. BUTLER (Apia). HOSZKOWSKI (Auburn). TINNEY (Wollongong).

13. BARNES (Hakoah). GNAVI (Pan-Hellenic). MULLEN (Hakoah).

ROGERS (Apia). WATKISS (Sutherland).

12. PINTER (Manly). WATSON (Granville).

11. MARNE (Marconi).

10. GAFFEY (Wollongong).

GRAY (Granville). PRSKALO (Marconi).

9. DOYLE (Apia). QUESTED (Auburn). STODDARD (West. Subs).

1977:

26. WATKISS (Sutherland).

25. HARGREAVES (Bankstown).

22. ABONYI (Croatia).

19. STONE (West. Subs).

18. HALL (Sutherland).

17. R. RUSSELL (Croatia).

16. FENOUGHTY (Croatia).

ZEROS (Hellenic).

15. STONE (West. Subs).

1976:

32. STOWELL (Pan-Hellenic).

28. UTJESNOVIC (St. George).

25. O'CONNOR (Wollongong).

19. ABONYI (St. George). BULLIVAN (Croatia).

18. PERRY (West. Subs).

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1975:

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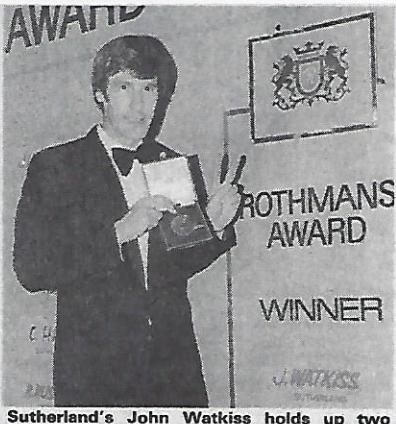
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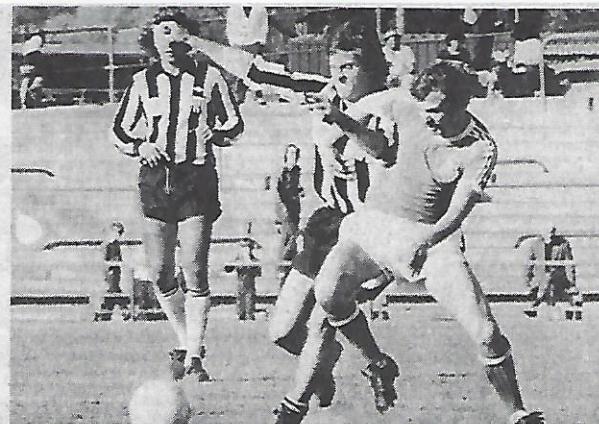
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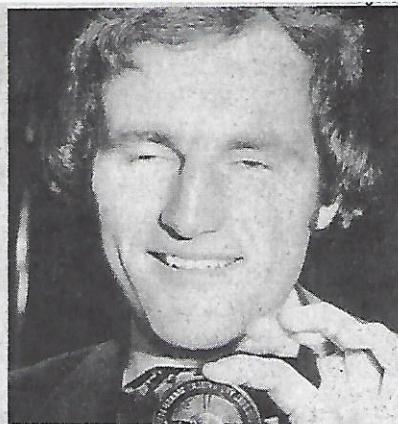
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Sutherland's John Watkiss holds up two fingers to signify his second NSW Rothmans Medal victory last year. His first triumph was in 1971 while with Hakoah.



Essendon Croatia sweeper John Gardiner (right) battles with Brian Northcote of Adelaide City. Will Gardiner win his third Rothmans Medal?



Jim Tansey, then with Slavia, proudly shows off the 1976 Victorian Rothmans Medal. Tansey is now with Fitzroy.

PAST POLLS WORK AGAINST CUMMING

By KYLE PATTERSON

If history is anything to go by, Essendon Croatia's Tommy Cumming has little chance of becoming the third player to win the Bill Fleming Medal and the Rothmans Gold Medal in the same year.

Cumming was presented with the Fleming Medal at half-time of the Dockery Cup final at Olympic Park on Sunday, after being voted the player of the year by Melbourne soccer writers.

The Rothmans Medal winner will be decided this Friday night (October 6) at the Southern Cross Hotel when referee votes are counted in the presence of the Prime Minister.

To become the dual winner, the tiny Scottish winger must overcome a seven-year hoodoo against forwards.

Since the Rothmans Medal's inception in 1971, not one forward player has won the award.

Previous winners have been defender DAVID BAKER of Hakoah, VINCE BANNON of Frankston City (then with Fitzroy Alexander) and JIM TANSEY of Frankston City (then with Slavia and midfielder JIM GARDINER of Essendon Croatia (then with George Cross) and PAT BANNON of Fitzroy Alexander).

Cumming will be hard-pressed to beat the Jim and John team mate John Gardiner, and Fitzroy's Jim Tansey as a dual winner.

One thing is obvious: when you look at the list of winners, defenders have dominated the award in recent years, taking off the gold medal for the past three seasons.

It's hard to determine the manner in which referees have cast their votes, or what qualities they look for in a player.

But whatever, I don't think we will see a change in the precedent. This year's winner will be a midfielder or, more probably, a defender.

The backmen I nominate as leading contenders are JOHN GARDINER (Frankston City), SANDY IRVINE (Frankston City), DAVID BAKER (Hakoah), JOHN YENDOORN (Slavia), NICK LOWE (Sunshine City), JOHN PATTEN (Green Gully) and as a dark horse, STEVEN BLAIR (Albion Leyland).

These players have been outstanding this season, but I haven't selected them on playing performances alone.

BAKER is a real gentleman on the field and IRVINE is another who'd win the respect of referee in these times when showing dissenting hands catch officials is a common practice.

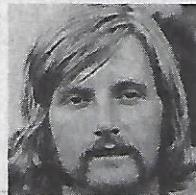
BLAIR and PATTEN are in with a chance because they were consistent performers in incom-

sistent and often struggling teams.

The Albion defender should poll well because he is only 16 and sure to be admired by refs.

LOWE has a chance because of his consistent hard-working but unspectacular Sunshine team.

GARDINER's chances aren't as high as YENDOORN'S mainly because Croatia had so many good players who will be taking votes away from each other. YENDOORN'S in there because he was one of the best players in the State League this season. The fact that he's a



Sandy Irvine

robust style wouldn't earn votes from referees. He too has been sent off this season.

BILL McCARTHY of Preston has had a reasonable season, winning selection to the State team, and will probably be one of the highest scoring midfielders in the vote count.

STEWART BLAIR of Hakoah

is an all-action man in the middle of the park, and don't be surprised if Green Gully's IAN MCCARTHY polls well.

McCarthy has been around for a long time and is the type of player who doesn't dwell too long on referee's decisions.

Green Gully has the worst record for sending offs this season but McCarthy is a level-headed type who could get the nod from the referees.

Now to the forwards, the neglected men, and goalkeeper BILL WHITESIDE of Hakoah.

Whiteside is a dependable goalie capable of turning in match-saving displays. His performances at the start of the season would have given him many votes.

Apart from CUMMING, ROBERT CULLEN of George Cross, MIKE CLAREY of Hakoah, GEORGE McMILLAN of Preston, KEN REED of George

Cross, GORDON MACGREEN of Frankston City and JAMES PATON of Slavia are the forwards I think will do well.

But Cumming is the best combination of a goalscorer and an explosive, eye-catching player. He's the pick of the forwards, with Cullen a close second.

I predict the top five placers in the 1978 Rothmans Gold Medal will be YENDOORN (Slavia), GARDINER (Croatia), BAKER (Hakoah), CULLEN (George Cross) and CUMMING (Croatia).

Three men who are sure to poll well in the Rothmans Medal, from left: David Baker, Bill Whiteside (both Hakoah) and Ken Reed (George Cross).



Tommy Cumming (right), of Essendon Croatia, who has already won the Bill Fleming Medal, is now vying for the Victorian Rothmans Medal. Other players pictured are, from left: Pat Della Rocca, Uli Pfisterer, Jim Symington (Juventus) and Billy Vojtek (Croatia).

defender and was often solely responsible for keeping Slavia in games, makes him a main contender.

Midfielders, because of the number of players involved in action, are bound to poll well. However, there haven't been too many outstanding midfielders this season, another reason why I think a defender will win the award.

STEVE SHORT of Slavia has been outstanding in the midfield, but he hasn't spent many games at full back. This may not be as much a penalty as the sending off he received against Croatia in the first half of the season.

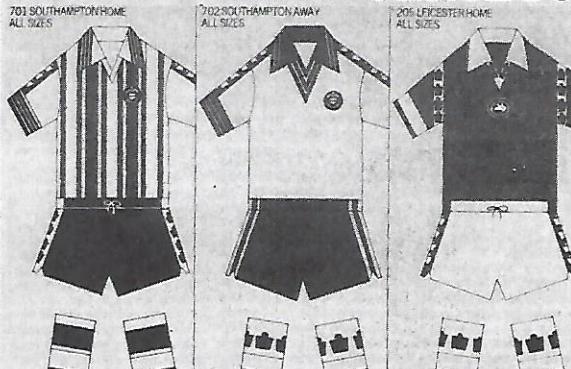
ALAN KERR of Croatia contributes a lot to his team, but his



Nick Lowe

John Patten

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Lou Adams is carried off on a stretcher after breaking a leg during the Ampol Cup series early this year.

State stars rally to help Adams

By KYLE PATTERSON

Any soccer player who knows the agony and misfortune of a broken leg would appreciate Preston forward Lou Adams' tragedy.

Adams, Preston's English import at the start of the 1978 season, had spent eight months in plaster, had a bone graft operation and may never play soccer again.

The former Queens Park Rangers and Bedford Town professional was playing in only his second game in Australia when a harmless-looking tackle from an Altona City defender fractured a leg.

The implications of the injury affected more than just Adams' soccer career. He'd been in Australia less than two months and has a wife and two children to support.

The injury prevented Adams from continuing his employment as a PMG technician but started medical expenses piling up.

Fortunately, the generosity of the Preston club and insurance cover have made things a little easier for Adams and his family.

But in order to give Adams a fighting chance to become financially

secure, Preston has arranged a testimonial game for him between Victorian All Stars team and Preston to be played at B.T. Connor Reserve this Saturday (October 7) at 2.45 pm.

The club is hoping for a big turn-out as all proceeds go to Adams. An appeal fund started earlier this year raised \$2000 for the fallen striker and the club is hopeful that the testimonial game will raise in excess of that amount.

The scene is set for a great exhibition game from the All Stars and Preston. The All Stars include some of the best players in Victoria.

The All Stars squad is: Hans van der Poel, Alan Davidson (both Altona), Jim Kondaros, Mendo Ristovski, Joe Picioane (Footscray JUST), Tommy Cumming, Alan Kerr (EsSENDON CROATIA), Arthur McMillan, Jim O'Reilly, Jim Tansey, Pat Bannon,



All Stars forward Mendo Ristovski (right) of JUST eludes Kevin Mullen of Hakoas-East.

Jim Campbell, Jim Marner, Gary Cole, Branko Buljevic (Fitzroy), Alun Evans (St. Mel's, Hellas), Tony Castiello (George Cross), Les Thomson, Laurie Smith (Green Gully).

As well as those big names, Preston stars George McMillan, Peter Lammons, Bill McClymont and John Bernard will be on show.

Hopefully, the Melbourne soccer public will get behind this promotion.

Ethnic radio station 3EA had given publicity to the game and Preston supporters have been reminded via the club's P.A. system at home games.

As the majority of the All Star team comes from Fitzroy Alexander, it's hoped that the club's fans will support the venture.

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As there's nothing at stake,

the players are expected to relax and put on an entertaining, high-scoring match.

Similar games in England have ended in scores such as 7-3 or 5-4, with a good time had by all.

Any fans who haven't been satisfied by the soccer they've been watching lately are well-advised to get along to B.T. Connor Reserve this Saturday.

Pat Bannon, captain of Fitzroy Alexander, will be coach of the All Stars.

He has at his disposal tal-

ented ball-players Mendo Ristovski, Jim Campbell,

Tommy Cumming, Alan Davidson, Branko Buljevic,

Joe Picioane and Alun Evans.

Playing without the fear of heavy punishment from close-marking defenders, these stars will be able to turn it on.

Ristovski will be a big hit with the Preston fans as he is Macedonian.

But the game will be useful for strikers George McMil-

lan, John Bernard (if fit) and Jeff Fawkner to get on target.

The blond Fawkner has im-

pressed with his wing play

since coming into the Preston team half way through the season.

McMillan, along with

Bernard, is the undoubtedly hero of Preston's fans.

Coach Eric Leesbirel has

shown his class as a sweeper

or midfield general and the

style of the game should suit

full backs Luba Petrovski

and Steve Beech, who both

like to overlap and join in at-

tacks.

Whatever the result,

Soccer Action wishes Lou

Adams better fortune for the

rest of his stay in Australia,

and hopes that soccer follow-

ers from all clubs make the

effort to attend this testi-

monial game.

• Admission prices will be

\$2 for adults, children free.

There will be a junior game

before the main game, which

kicks off at 2.45 pm.



Pat Bannon (centre) and Jim Tansey (left), both members of the Victorian All Star squad, are beaten to the ball by Marconi's Jimmy Rooney (right). The All Stars will meet Preston in a benefit match for Preston's injured star Lou Adams on Saturday.

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Battling Brisbane reaches final as two are sent off

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane City fought their way into a successive second Philips Cup final when they wore down Newcastle United 2-0 after extra time in their semi-final at Perry Park, Brisbane.

The game produced typical cup drama when Sydney referee Henry Witschge sent off Newcastle midfielder Bill Amey and City's substitute Roberto Echeverria in the extra time period.

The game could have gone either way, as the teams were evenly-matched but City's more recent hot-out against Hakoah the week before, stuck by them better in the grueling extra 30 minutes.

It was obvious the first team to secure a break would survive on the day, and luck rode with City once again in the cup when they were awarded a disputed penalty right on the halfway mark of the extra time.

City's tireless workhorse Larry Gaffney chased a long ball down the middle from Echeverria, and as he entered the box and attempted to control, was tackled by Col Curran.

There was a feeling of anti-climax when referee Witschge pointed to the spot and Kevin Caldwell capitalised by firing his spot kick past Phil Dando to give City one leg in the door-to-the

final.

It was after the teams turned around for the final 15 minutes when Amey received the red card when he allegedly kicked Echeverria near the corner flag after earlier receiving a caution.

United plugged away gamely, but most of the players were being halted by cramp. There was a glimmer of hope when things were levelled player wise with Echeverria getting his marching orders for a foul on Curran.

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United probably had a

slight edge in the first half with the crafty Kenny Boden constantly switching creative passes out to United's young wingers Peter Tredinnick and Neal Endacott.

Despite United's greater creativity in this period, it was City who almost scored when Kelso jumped well for a Caldwell corner and John Coyne's header cannoned off the bar into Dando's arms.

Caldwell spearred a great header into the net from a John Lavelle cross right on half time, but was ruled offside.

In the second half the lumbering Kelso remained City's great hope.

He was backed up non-stop by Gaffney and Frank Pimbblett whose workrate also was helped by the tough match against Hakoah.

Kelso thundered two free kicks over the bar and for United, they always looked

dangerous when Curran joined in on the left and linked up with the stylishly moving Tredinnick.

City's Steve Perry received one of his few yellow cards of the season when he committed a 'professional foul' by grabbing Tredinnick's shirt when the winger was clear after intercepting an Ian Rathmell pass.

As the game progressed, City looked to be the stronger in condition, but always found it heavy going against the determination of United's back four of Peter Willis, Roy Drinkwater, Bill Summerscales and Curran.

Ratcliffe provided Perry with invaluable support at the back, and late in the second half almost broke through, but his shot from a goal-mouth scramble came off Coyne's legs.

Coyne again ran himself to a standstill, as he had done against Hakoah, and after he was dropped twice in succession during one burst, was substituted by Echeverria.

United almost lost a key man in the second half when midfielder John Sneddon came down heavily, and it appeared he had sustained a serious shoulder or collarbone injury.

It was a match to remember as far as scientific football was concerned, but the excitement generated by a typical, never-give-an-inch, cup tie was adequate compensation.

BOX HILL FACES CROYDON IN CUP

The draw for the Victorian Winter Cup semi-finals has ensured that a Second division team will play off in the final on October 14.

First division teams Croydon City and Box Hill meet in one semi-final, while Melbourne and Moreland, both from the Second division, will battle it out for a place in the final. The second division teams will play in the first division next season after winning promotions.

Melbourne reached the final of the competition last season, but was beaten 3-1 by Waverley City.

The semi-finals will be played at Waverley's Sixth Avenue ground on Saturday (October 7). The first game, between Melbourne and Moreland, kicks off at 1 pm.

Croydon and Melbourne are favorites to progress to the final, but Box Hill and Moreland will be no pushovers.

Quarter final match details:

BOX HILL 3 (Sherman, Berardini, Taylor) KNOX CITY 2 (McConville, Haldane) AET.

BOX HILL: Morgan, Patterson, Corke, Waaldyk, Hall, Ramos, (White), Horner (Campbell), Sherman, Berardini, Tuffield, Taylor.

Knox City: Caught Box Hill out of position, and he could only palm the ball into the path of Box Hill's Serge Berardini, who had no trouble scoring.

But Box Hill failed to go on with the job, and for the most part, the second half was a stalemate, with both sides threatening, but rarely producing.

Knox came with a late flurry, but it was obvious that Box Hill was the less tired of the two teams, and would have the edge in extra time.

Ian Tuffield, who worked tirelessly when moved from

the forward line to midfield for the latter part of the game, set up Box Hill's third goal with a long run down the left flank.

His cross found Ray Taylor who slotted the ball under De Mann to put the Hillmen in front for the first time in the game.

In desperation, Knox searched for an equaliser, but good defensive work by Box Hill's man of the match Paul Corke who repelled Knox attacks time and time again, enabled the Hillmen to hold on to its one-goal lead.

Best players: — Knox: McConville, Bedford, Pangio, Box Hill: Hall, Tuffield, Corke.

MORELAND 2 (Black) ELTHAM 1 (Norton) A.E.T. MORELAND: Potter, Kelly, Duncanson, Black, Appleby, Brazil, Katz, Paola, Ferretti, Mallachan.

ELTHAM: Wight, Crowley, Circa, Gooney, Emsden, Spaniard, Cochran, Obida, McIntosh, Lee, Norton.

Eltham continued to show good form, but poor forward work cost the team a place in the final.

Eltham's direct attacking nearly paid dividends in the first half when shots from Cochran (twice) and McIntosh hit the woodwork.

In the second half of extra time, one of the rare mistakes by the Eltham defence allowed Black to head home Mallachan's cross.

Eltham tried valiantly to get back into the game, but its chance was gone.

Best players — Eltham: Gooney, Circa and Cochran. Moreland: Brazil, Duncanson and Ferretti.

Committee formed to start talks



Johnny Warren

Warren to scout in U.K.

Canberra City coach Johnny Warren (pictured) leaves on October 12 on a recruiting and study mission.

Canberra's agents have lined up players in London, Manchester and Scotland for Warren to interview.

Warren will study the latest promotional trends during visits to the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the New York Cosmos in the U.S.

He will also have two weeks with Czech national coach Joe Venglos and will spent time in the Czech national team's training camp before the friendly game against Italy on November 8.

\$150 worth!

Ferry Melbourne (Vic) midfielder Bill Rae incurred the wrath of the Metropolitan disciplinary committee recently.

The former Hakoah and Albion I...and player was fined \$150 after being sent off in a postponed Second division game against Knox City.

It's one of the heaviest fine imposed by a Victorian Soccer Federation committee on a player this season.

Albion Leyland (Vic) has taken the club's first positive step towards an amalgamation with Sunshine City.

At the club's annual general meeting last Sunday, a committee was formed and given the authority to start negotiations with Sunshine. It's expected that Sunshine will form a similar group, and that the decision to amalgamate or to stay separate bodies will be made by at least early December.

PRESTON WINS



Saves by Australian representative goalkeeper Peter Laumets (pictured) in a penalty shootout helped Preston win the Makedonia Cup 78.

Preston reached the final after beating Meko Holdings 2-1 in the semi finals, but was held to a 2-2 draw by Central Altona.

Laumets' saves saw Preston run out 4-2 winner on penalty kicks. Central Altona defeated Preston B' 2-0 in the other semi final.

"Steven had been with the club since he was eight," said Wilson. "We brought him up through the juniors, and now that he's made it, other clubs think it's time to move in and get a ready-made player."

"It would be hard for Steven to turn down these offers, because he had his future to think of. But, it's bitterly disappointing for the club."

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'Big Ollie' to join Buljevic?

Former Socceroo striker Peter Ollerton is rumored to be returning to Melbourne.

Ollerton, who has played for Ringwood City and APIA, transferred from

South Melbourne to Marconi for \$15,000 midway through the season.

He is said to be interested in joining Fitzroy or Footscray.

However, he found it difficult to get a job in Sydney and wants to return to Melbourne.

• Ollerton is pictured above heading the ball during the PSL grand final against Hakoah-Easts. Marconi lost 2-4.

MUNIZ SET FOR RECALL TO NATIONAL TEAM

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Adelaide City's midfield-striker Aggie Muniz, the forgotten man of Australian soccer, blasted Canberra City out of the Philips Cup with two brilliant second half goals.

Muniz tore the heart out of Canberra's defence with several damaging runs and along with Robert Marve were the major influences in Adelaide's impressive 3-1 win.

For Muniz it was a personal triumph. After a poor start to the season he has been in devastating form in the last seven weeks.

Indeed they hit the front after only four minutes with a superb header from Brian Stoddart after an Ian Heywood corner kick.

City were stung into action but they failed to make any impression on the Canberra defence.

But they got the break they didn't look like getting when goalkeeper Ron Tilsed bounced the ball and before he could retrieve it, Marve slipped in and lobbed the ball over his head for a shock equalizer.

Canberra protested violently but the goal stood and the small crowd gave Marve a great reception.

Moments later Muniz turned brilliantly but hisizzling 12 metre shot went wide with Tilsed stranded.

Heywood blew a golden opportunity to restore Canberra's lead but after sprinting past Adelaide City's

defence he kicked wide with Marshall hopelessly stranded.

It was a fatal miss and despite Canberra's attempts to make amends they found City's defence in an uncharitable mood.

Adelaide, which gradually moved into top gear after that bad start, opened the second half in a menacing mood and within seven minutes had added the third.

Muniz latched onto a pass, took several steps and blasted it past Tilsed from 15 metres for a great goal.

Moments later John Nyskohus unleashed a piledriver but it flew just over the crossbar.

City were firing on six cylinders and Canberra quite clearly were intimidated by Marve, whose dominance in the air had Canberra's defence in tatters.

Marve, who replaced the injured Dixie Deans was also damaging on the ground although he faded towards the end.

Burn Adelaide finished the game strongly and just a

minute from the end Muniz added the third.

Nyskohus tapped the ball to Muniz who was lurking near the penalty area and he had the simple task of tapping it past Tilsed who had come well off his line.

The goal killed off Canberra but they had performed exceptionally.

They certainly gave away a goal at the start, and no team can afford to give Adelaide City a gift like that.

But **Johnny Warren** has again done wonders with what appears to be ordinary talent and they should do even better next season.

Canberra obviously need three key players and if Warren can find them, the city of Canberra will be more than just the capital of Australia.

Meanwhile Adelaide City look certain to win their first Philips League honor, and although they are prone to inconsistency they look at least a goal better off than their opponents of the final, Brisbane City.



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Robin twice best

Robin Parsons, who won the Victorian Fourth Division best and fairest award, has also had an easy victory in the voting for the Park Rangers club trophy.

Parsons polled 87 votes, easily beating nearest rival John Clemin.

Park Rangers coach Hugh Murney calls 25-year-old Parsons a "coach's dream."

"Whatever you tell him to do happens," says Murney.

Parsons, who joined Park Rangers in 1976, scored 12 goals this season.



Jimmy Rooney

Olympiakos' elimination from European competition has left the way open for an Australian tour by the famous Greek club next month.

South Melbourne Hellas is trying to arrange the tour. South president Sam Papasavas is awaiting confirmation from Greece.

Olympiakos told Papasavas during his visit to Greece earlier this year that it would visit Australia as soon as its playing commitments were over.

Tentative dates for games in Australia are November 19, 22 and 26.

Because Frank Munro, Bertie Lutton and George



Sam Papasavas

Campbell will be visiting Britain at the time of Olympiakos' tour. South Melbourne may field guest

players from other Philips League clubs.

George Christopoulos, the Australian schoolboys representative, has signed a new two-year contract with South Melbourne.

Souths coach Dave MacLaren will arrange for Christopoulos to visit an English First Division club next season to help improve his game.

While Fitzroy continues to vie with South Melbourne for the signature of Marconi's Jimmy Rooney, four Fitzroy players will leave for holidays in Scotland.

They are Ken Taylor, Pat Bannon, Gary Cole and Robbie Proven.



George Christopoulos (right) of South Melbourne in action against Hilton Silva of Eastern Suburbs.

Soccer goes to the dogs

By KYLE PATTERSON

Two of the fastest players in the Victorian State League will be on show in the opening game of the 1978 State League Cup this Sunday (October 8).

And appropriately enough, the game will be played at Olympic Park Number Two oval, where speedsters of a different kind normally perform, instead of on the Number One ground.

The Olympic Park greyhound stadium will be taken over by speedsters for the day due to the unavailability of the number one ground, which has been Victoria's main soccer stadium for many years.

The number two ground has a greyhound track on its perimeter, with a Rugby Union pitch in the middle. The Rugby field will be converted into a soccer ground for the opening round of the top four competition.

However, the move is only a temporary one, as speedsters will return to the number one oval for the second and third rounds of the competition, as well as for the State League Cup final on October 29.

The completion of the State League Cup will mark the end of the 1978 Victorian season, which began on Wednesday, February 8 with Cumberland Cup preliminary rounds.

The season has been a little under 10 months long.

But back to the speedsters I mentioned earlier. They are Robert Cullen of George Cross and Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia.

Speed is not the only similarity between the two. Both are wingers and tend to stand out because of their height, or lack of it.

Essendon Croatia and George Cross have had some great battles over the past few years, and this first-round State League Cup will be no different.

Victory is imperative for both sides, for experts agree that defeat in the opening round gives a side very little chance of recovering and reaching the final.

Essendon has defeated George Cross every time the two have met this season. Essendon has an impressive 3-0 goal average over their games.

The first game between the two teams this year was an Ampol Cup group match.

Preston's all-round strength

should see it dispose of Hakoah.

However, Hakoah's Mike Clarey, David Baker and Ian Gibson are all experienced, and will have a calming influence on the team's younger players Les Nagy and Chris Valli.

But Anton Dosen may have his hands full with McMillan, and Les Owens' lack of pace will give Fawkner an advantage.

At the other end, Clarey's ball skills will be tested to test by Brewerton and Gary Hooper, two uncompromising defenders.

Kyle Patterson

ESSENDON CROATIA

BANOVIC
SMART KOKOSA GARDINER BILAVER
ANDREWS KERR MURPHY
CUMMING KRNEVIC VOJTEK

GEORGE CROSS

MATSSON
CUTAJAR MAITLAND WEBB BARRON
MIRAK WILKINSON CASTIELLO
CULLEN REED PAPARAS

improved. Bill Vojtek scored the goal.

Indeed, on Sunday, George Cross has its best chance to beat Croatia, and gain some revenge for its three consecutive losses earlier this year.

The Cross has come on strong in the second half of the season, while Croatia has shown signs of staleness.

Croatia supporters point to the one-week break Essendon had from competition games and say the team will be rejuvenated by the rest.

But George Cross has gained momentum as it has approached the important business end of the season, and will be hard to beat.

Apart from Cumming and Cullen both sides' centre forwards will have a big say in the final outcome.

Krncovic of Croatia, and Ken Read of George Cross have different styles but are important links in their teams' pattern of play.

In the penalty area he's brave and strong and he has the ability to score from half chances.

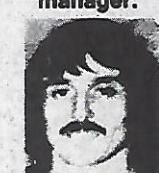
Krncovic had great agility for a tall player, as well as very good ball skills.

But it will be the Cullen/Read and Krncovic/Cumming combinations that will be doing the damage to opposing defences.

Croatia's midfield will have the edge on George Cross.

In fact, if Croatia can reproduce the fighting spirit it showed against Adelaide City in the Philips Cup, then it would be George behind the eight ball.

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1971: Croatia 3 Hellas 2.

1972: No competition.

1973: George Cross 3 Hakoah 0.

1974: J.U.S.T. 2 Alexander 1.

1975: J.U.S.T. 1 Mooroolbark 1, J.U.S.T.

won on penalties 5-4.

1976: J.U.S.T. 2 Hellas 1.

1977: George Cross 2 Slavia 1.

Kyle Patterson

Hakoah — making a bid for the State League Cup. Standing from left: Bill Jordanou, Anton Dosen, Bill Whiteside, Steve Gadsby, Les Nag, Graham French, George Craig, Mike Clarey, Front: Chris Valli, Ian Gibson, David Baker, Les Owens, Stewart Blair, Sean Rooney.

Preston's Cup, says Vrzina

New Preston manager Tony Vrzina is determined to get the club into the Philips Soccer League for the 1979 season and believes winning the State League Cup would help Preston realise its ambition.

"Preston will win the State League Cup and show to the PSL and to Victorian soccer followers that we are the best supported and strongest club in the State," a confident Vrzina said yesterday.

"Preston is the most enterprising team in Victoria and deserves to be in the PSL."

Under Vrzina, Preston has a great chance of winning the tables on arch rival Essendon Croatia.

So far this season Preston has finished runner up to Croatia in both the Ampol Cup and State League championship.

Vrzina, who coached First Division Western Suburbs earlier this season, is a former coach of Essendon.

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winning the competition.

Preston will be strengthened for its game against Hakoah by the return of Tom Brewerton and John Bernard.

Bernard, a former Victorian representative, was one of the key figures behind Preston's revival. He was sidelined by a nagging hamstring injury, and when he returned to the side, he coped a three-week suspension for being sent off against Slavia.

The injury has responded to treatment finally, and Bernard should return to the Preston's team against Hakoah.

Centre half Brewerton has missed three games with a leg injury, but has now fully recovered. His return allows Lesbiarel to return to midfield from defence.

Hakoah, the big spender of the State League, only just managed to hold its spot in the top four. Hakoah's superior goal average won it a place in the top bracket ahead of Sunshine City and Slavia.

However, Slavia's men must not be underestimated. Hakoah had some of the best young players developed in the State League, as well as being an accomplished team.

Preston and Hakoah have met twice this season, with the first game finishing in a draw, and the second going to Preston 3-0.

In the first game, Preston built up a two-goal lead, and looked like cruising to victory when Hakoah capitalised on Preston's lack of fitness, and came home to snatch a draw, with two goals in the last 10 minutes.

At the time, both clubs had different coaches — and both were

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IT'S GEORGIE'S CUP

By KYLE PATTERSON

After George Cross took the lead in the 30th minute when Ken Reed scored with a whipping left-foot shot, the result of the 1978 Dockerty Cup final, a forgone conclusion.

A George Cross victory looked even more certain when a little more than 10 minutes later, Ringwood City was reduced to 10 men when Brian Thom was sent off.

But with the fighting spirit of Ringwood City coming to the fore, the game turned out an entertaining and exciting spectacle, which compensated for the poor standard of soccer.

The fact that Ringwood's chances were still alive in the 86th minute says a lot for the team's courage and character and for the unpredictability of Cup soccer.

Ringwood City was without centre forward John Luyten, who was injured, and brought in former Altona City and Rakoush player Doug Barbour.

After Thom's dismissal in the 43rd minute, Ringwood's forward line dismissed in the 43rd minute, Ringwood's forward line consisted of the out-of-form Richard Plumb and Mike Kupinic, both

of whom are recognised as defenders!

It was rumoured that Willie Coulson, Ringwood's former midfield ace, would return to the team.

However, the wayward star wasn't even granted a place on the substitutes' bench.

Ringwood twice equalised, only to see George Cross regain the lead on both occasions. Tragically for Ringwood, the Cross' winning goal came from the penalty spot minutes after Dave Garthwaite had scored with a 50 metre shot and given the eastern suburban club new hope of lifting the cup.

"George", which was red-hot favorite to win the cup, Victoria's premier competition, faltered in the face of Ringwood's comeback but eventually scraped through in ragged fashion.

Ringwood, relegation-doomed

and with far-from-harmonious internal situation, should have been easy meat for George Cross.

George Cross was without regular keeper Svea Mattsson, who hadn't recovered from an injury sustained in a round 22 State League match against Ha-koh.

Mattsson's absence didn't worry George Cross at first, as second-string goalkeeper Gerry Rice had in the past proved to be a reliable replacement.

But after his display in the final, Rice has blown his good reputation.

With Ringwood pumping high balls at the Cross goal, Rice was vulnerable. The problem was compounded in the second half when he received a back injury.

But injury or no injury, Rice can't escape the blame and embarrassment for Ringwood's goals.



Ken Reed slams George Cross' first goal past Ringwood goalkeeper Paul Wilding. At left are Ringwood's Alex Aanderson and Tony Castiello of George Cross (stripes) Pictures by SAM BELFONTE

Garthwaite floated a free kick from just inside the George Cross half at Rice in the second half. He jumped unchallenged, but made a complete mess of the save, letting the ball slip through his hands and into the net for Ringwood's second goal.

Fortunately for Rice, it wasn't a

match-losing mistake, as George took the lead for the third and final time when Robert Cullen was fouled in the penalty area, and Reed made no mistake with the spot kick.

The standard of soccer produced was a disappointment. I concede that the blustery cond-

tions made ball control and passing difficult, but still the teams lacked imagination and fire.

Play was often rushed, with the big boot upfield a frequently-used "tactic". The players didn't make good use of the wings and as a result, the game was often congested.

However, several individuals

were outstanding.

Robert Mirak was the only George Cross midfielder prepared to hold the ball and look for an alternative play apart from the hopeful punt forward.

He endeavoured to pass on the ground the type of distribution most suited in windy conditions — as well as dribble opponents.

Jim Paparas kept the Ringwood defenders on their toes at all times and was outstanding in the right place at the right time.

The far-right-hand down gave Reed his first goal, and on many other occasions the slight winger popped up in dangerous positions near the Ringwood goal.

Cullen rarely has a game when he doesn't create havoc for opposition defences, and this game was no different.

Apart from scoring his team's only goal, he earned the penalty by out-foxing Ronny Verniers, forcing the Ringwood substitute to commit a foul to prevent him free shooting at goal.

Ringwood's Keith Adams is always a bundle of energy, his persistence and determination saved the day on many occasions for Ringwood, and he also attempted to be constructive from the right back position.

When Verniers came on, Adams had enough left in him to go into the midfield and work like a beaver.

Brian Carnaby, after an indifferent start, was one of the main reasons for Ringwood being able to match George Cross with one less player.

Playing as stopper, Carnaby often joined in the midfield play to boost his team in this department, without neglecting his defensive duties to much.

He skinned the crossbar with a long-range shot from a free kick and generally fitted his own game when his side's prospects didn't look too good.

John O'Callaghan has always been one player who's put in a lot of effort for Ringwood. Playing in midfield, he received little support from Alex Anderson and Barron (all Preston).

They were eligible to play in the reserve Cup because they hadn't played in their clubs' Dockerty Cup campaigns.

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However, Cain replied with vengeance, scoring two goals in eight minutes as Gully raced to a 3-1 lead.

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George Cross goalkeeper Gerry Rice misses a high ball as he flies above Keith Adams of Ringwood.

But up until the 30 minute mark, the Cross was easily on top although play was still sloppy.

In the 28th minute, Barron cracked a powerful shot at the Ringwood goal from an indirect free kick and Wilding did well to tip it over the bar.

George's goal came in the 30th minute when Phil Curata floated over a deep cross from a free kick, and Paparas intelligently headed down into space.

Like lightning, Reed swooped on the chance, and tucked the ball into the net before Ringwood's defenders could react.

The Cross players were buzzing at this stage and soon after Mirak made a run down the flank with Ringwood exposed, and unselfishly cut the ball square into the penalty area.

It was too quick for Cullen, but the lithe Paparas appeared at the far post. He shot from close range but the acute angle and good work by Wilding saw the ball go out for a corner off the goalkeeper's body.

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Gully home with three by Cain

GREEN GULLY 5 (Cain 3, Carr 2) PRESTON 2 (Petrovski, Fawknor) Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup final.

GREEN GULLY: Lukac, Hobson, Muscat, Kulicek, J. Thompson, (Horn 83rd min), McCarthy, Crilly, Turner, Zammit (Gale 57th min), Cain, Carr.

PRESTON: Vidacic, Tanevic, Spasevski, Najdovski, Yovich, McGifford, Masalovski, Blashevski (Ristevski 81st min), Stojanovski (Dimovski 50th min), Petrovski, Fawknor.

Former Slavia defender John Cain scored his first forward and grabbed a hat-trick to help Green Gully reserves to a 5-2 victory in the Harry Armstrong Cup final against Preston reserves.

Cain, who transferred to Green Gully for a four-figure amount earlier this season, was one of six regular State League players on show in the reserve Cup final.

The others were Ian McCarthy, Steve Curnell (both Green Gully) and Hubie Petrovski, Dragomir Blashevski and Jeff Fawknor (all Preston).

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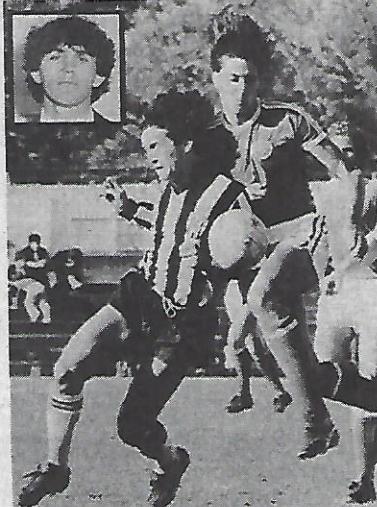
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SERGIO MELTA, full back or midfield, young player who missed part of the season due to a visit to Italy. The action picture shows him in a clash with Eddie Krnecic of Essendon Croatia in their Philips Cup match. Previously with Birkdale.



JOHN NYSKOHUS, striker, joined early last year from Lion, scored nine league goals last season and seven this year. Capped 14 times for Australia. Pictured in action against Iran in the World Cup match in Melbourne last year.



DIXIE DEANS, striker, top scorer in the PSL with 16 last season after joining Adelaide City from Scotland where he played for Celtic and Partick Thistle. He also played for Luton and Carlisle in England. A legendary goalscorer of British Soccer, he once scored six in Celtic's 7-0 victory over Partick. He's pictured scoring for Adelaide City against Mooroolbark with a header.



BUGSY NYSKOHUS, right back, bought from Lion last year, capped three times for Australia and named as best right back in the "Soccer Action" team of the year for 1978. Nyskohus is pictured in action against Bertie Lutton of South Melbourne.

Adelaide City will recruit at least two more players to make a determined bid for the Philips League championship next season.

In the meantime, Adelaide aims to win the Philips Cup on Sunday.

Its opponent is Cup holder Brisbane City. The final will be played at Perry Park in Brisbane.

"We're waiting until all our playing commitments are over before we start moving for new players," club president Charlie Caruso said this week.

Price is no object. We want quality players who will take us up the ladder, and we are willing to pay for the right men."

Adelaide City's biggest buys so far have been Dixie Deans for \$20,000 and Agenor Muniz for \$15,000.

Club Les Scheinflug's contract has not yet been renewed but Caruso says he hopes Scheinflug will stay with the club next season.

Impressive club rooms costing \$350,000 and featuring two bars, a kitchen, offices, board room and other facilities were recently completed at the Olympic Sports Field and the club hopes to add a large function hall for about 800 people.

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Adelaide City, standing from left: Dr Tom Mittiager and property steward, John Perin, Bugsy Lister, Zoran Matic, Les Scheinflug (coach), Cha (secretary), Agenor Muniz, John Nyskohus, Jo Deans, Roger Romanc

Total gates at City's home matches last season were 100,000 — the highest in the league.

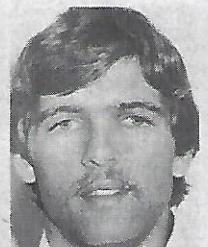
Gates were lower this season due partly to bad weather and partly to the team's lower position on the table.

But Caruso is confident of record crowds next year when City makes a push for the title.

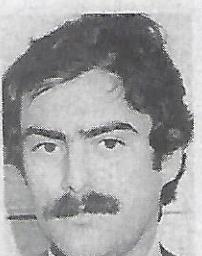
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PETER MARSHALL, goalkeeper, joined last year from Birka and won the No. 1 goalkeeper's position from Socceroo Roger Romanowicz.



JOHN BESIR, centre back, a long-standing star of South Australian soccer, came from Yugoslavia and joined Adelaide City from Beograd Woodville.



JOHN PERIN, midfielder, capped four times for Australia and has represented South Australia almost 40 times. Except for a season with Juventus of Melbourne, he has played all his soccer with Adelaide City. He's taking the ball past Jim O'Reilly of Fitzroy.

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Team doctor, Angelo Delmedico (ground man), Nokohus, Peter Marshall, Robert Marwe, Frank Caruso (president). Front: Carmine Picarello Besir, Sergio Melta, Brian Northcote, Dixie Deacon, Gary Marocchi.

That push will start with a series of practice matches against Hakoah, South Melbourne, Marconi, Fitzroy, Footscray and others next year.

for Adelaide City in substitute are indicated in parentheses.

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ROBERT MARWE, utility player, joined from Croatia early this year and has played with distinction in defence as well as attack.



FRED YUNG, left back, came into the PSL with Adelaide City and has represented South Australia.



BRIAN NORTHCOTE, midfielder or striker, joined from NSW club Granville early last year, after representing NSW. Highly underrated player who has the potential to represent Australia. He's pictured contesting the ball with Mike Pye of South Melbourne.

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MARY MAROCCHI, midfielder, bought from Perth Azurri last year, capped 10 times for Australia, was captain of the Socceroos for the games against Greece.

FRANK LISTER, centre back, long-serving South Australian State player who's been with Adelaide City seven years. Formerly with Croatia, one of the strongest defenders in the PSL.

ROGER ROMANOWICZ, goalkeeper, capped six times for Australia, joined from Poland six years ago, lost his position to Peter Marshall this year.

It created a record during the seven years from 1953 to 1959 when it won six premierships in playing 126 games of which it won 107, drew 12 and lost only seven.

In doing so, it scored 508 goals and conceded 116. During these years the only premiership lost was in 1955 by one point.

City also won various cups — among them the Ampol Cup, Coca Cola Cup, and the Pozza, Aquila D'Oro and Patrioti Cups.

Caruso now wants to lay a firmer junior foundation.

"We must be willing to spend more on juniors to ensure a flow of players in the future," he said.

Maybe we'll provide the juniors with permanent club rooms, and organise camps attended by the national coach and top players.

"We have to create an atmosphere in which the kids feel important and in which they are keen to learn."

"At the moment, boys throughout Australia are lost to the game when they turn 18. Many are brilliant until that age and if we change our attitude, we will make more of keeping them in sport and developing them into senior players."

Adelaide City has six junior teams and also runs a South Australian Federation team which this year has won the Third Division premiership to gain promotion into the Second Division.

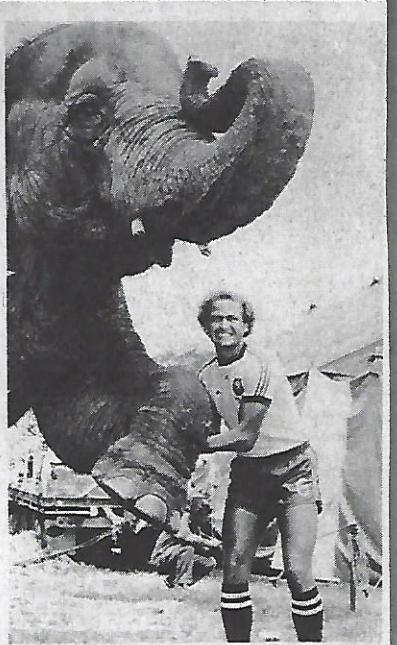
Most of those players are under 20 and it shouldn't take long for some of them to break into the PSL team.



CHARLIE CARUSO, president



CARMINE PICARELLO, secretary



AGENOR MUNIZ midfielder, capped 15 times for Australia, bought from Hakoah-Easts last year for \$15,000 which was then an Australian record. Born in Brazil, came to Australia in 1971. This novel picture shows him putting in some "heavy training" before an international match.

All of Adelaide City's results and goalcorers this year:

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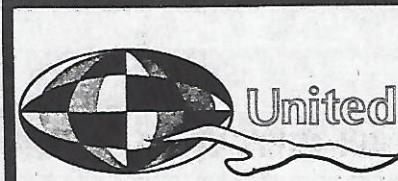
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LES SCHEINFUGL, coach, Australian captain in the 1965 World Cup winning matches. Played for Prague and was player-coach of Marconi. Has also coached Sydney Croatia, Western Suburbs and Brisbane Lions. Assistant to national coach Rale Rasic in the 1973-74 World Cup campaign.

ZORAN MATIC, centre back or midfielder, South Australian State representative bought from Beograd. Was thought to be retiring earlier this year but came back under new coach Les Scheinfugl. The picture shows him heading clear ahead of South Melbourne's Graham French.



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• South Melbourne star Alun Evans, seen through the creative camera of SAM BELFONTE. The major picture shows Evans clashing with Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who is rumored to be joining South Melbourne next year. At top left Evans is pictured trying to get past Eddie Thomson of Ha-koh-East.

'We'll come back,' says Eltham

Eltham may have been relegated from the Victorian Second Division, but the club's spirit is not broken. "We'll be back next year," says club official Reg Emsden.

The Eltham senior team (top) is, from left, standing: Danny Spaniak, Alan Raynes, Paul Emsden, Mick Circa, Ralph Crowley, John Cochran; front: Kevin Emsden, Lee Gooney, Gordon McIntosh, Campbell Wight, David Norton.

The reserves (bottom) are, from left, standing: Mick Weisby, Ritchie Mitchell, Tony Watson, Danny Dick, Ron van der Zwart, Gordon Kirkwood; front: Ian Rudgley, Marcel van der Slik, Stewart Taylor, Andy Lee, Cliff Harrison.



Zahra pledges to lift George Cross

Dynamic Alf Zahra promises to lift George Cross (Vic) into a new, progressive era if he is elected club president.

Zahra has been a key man at George Cross for some time. He is also one of the most generous financial backers.

Zahra, who runs Berkshire Auto Refinishers in McIntyre Road, North Sunshine, is seeking the presidency vacated by Alf Attard who will not stand again.

"We have to work constructively to make George Cross a major force again," Zahra said this week.

"Of course this cannot be

done in a short period of time but I am determined to make sure there are big improvements.

"We'll get rid of the old-fashioned ideas and look to the future.

"Make no mistake, George Cross is going places."

With Alf Zahra at the helm, the Cross can hardly fail — LAURIE SCHWAB



Alf Zahra

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Evans gives 'Der Bomber' a lesson

By KYLE PATTERSON

Very few players can boast they've flattened one of the most powerful soccer teams in the world single-handedly, or been valued at 100,000 English pounds on the soccer transfer market when just 17.

Alun Evans of South Melbourne can claim that record, but you'd never hear the former England under 23 international singing his own praises.

In fact, Evans is happy to be in the relative obscurity of Australian soccer as he makes one of his many stops along soccer's highway.

"Have boots will travel" has been the motto of Evans all his working life — some 13 years in professional soccer.

But for Evans it has been the involvement with the game he loves, not so much the success and adulation along the way.

Evans joined South Melbourne midway through the recently-concluded 1978 PSL season from English Third Division club Walsall.

The \$15,000 South Melboune paid for the blond striker lifted to \$30,000, the total amount various clubs have invested to have Evans play for them.

But then again, transfer fees don't mean much to Evans, apart from his own monetary interest.

"Soccer's a cracker of a game," said Evans. "I've had plenty of low spots but they just make the high spots that much better."

"I was in the doldrums before I came to Australia, but at the moment everything's great. When the sun comes out it will be even better."

"My contract with South Melbourne runs until 1980 but after that I don't know what I'll do. I take life as it comes."

The highest of Evans' high spots came in 1973. The scene was Anfield, the home ground of famous English First division club Liverpool.

Liverpool's opponent was Bayern Munich of West Germany, a team packed with great players such as Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd "Der Bomber" Mueller and Sepp Maier.

But in 90 minutes of play, the famous Bayern Munich, three times the winner of the European Cup, was brought to its knees by Evans. The young striker slammed home a hat-trick as Liverpool triumphed 3-0 in the European Cup tie.

It was Liverpool which had ensured Evans' name went down in history even before he'd kicked a ball for the club.

The Merseyside team forced out 100,000 pounds for Evans when he was 17, making him the first teenager to be transferred for a six-figure amount in British football.

He originally was with Wolverhampton Wanderers. After this fantastic start in top soccer, one would think Evans would be disappointed that he ended up in the Third division by the time he was 25.

However, if he does feel let down, he doesn't show it. He realises pro soccer is extremely unpredictable, but it's his job and he doesn't see any use in dwelling on the past.

"I enjoyed my stay at every club I went to," he said, "and the different challenges each gave me. I've never thought much about my record transfer fee, because to me playing football was the important thing."

Evans' career in professional soccer began at the age of 15. After leaving school he joined Wolves which was then in the English First Division, as an apprentice professional.

"As long back as I can remember," he said, "I wanted to be a pro footballer. I didn't ever consider any type of job, except as a soccer player."

"In England, every young lad is trying to get into the pro ranks. In Australia the kids are dead-interested in soccer

as well. That surprised me a bit but it shows soccer has a big future here."

Evans made a rapid rise through the Wolves youth and reserve teams and found himself in the hurly-burly of the First Division at the age of 17.

Dave MacLaren, who's now manager of South Melbourne, and the man who brought Alun out to Australia, was also at Wolves.

"Dave was a goalkeeper," explained Evans, "but when I joined the club he was concentrating on coaching the youth team."

Evans played 20 games in the Wolves team, scoring four goals, before his historic transfer in September 1968.

Evans joined Liverpool, and came under the guidance of Bill Shankly, one of the greatest managers in English Football.

Shankly was a great motivator, "said Evans, "although I hate using that word to describe a coach. He would abuse players at times, but later would tell them they're the best in the world."

"Whatever his trick was, it worked. When a player wore a Liverpool shirt, it was like pulling on the shirt of his country. You were made to feel very proud when you were in the red of Liverpool."

Evans made 77 appearances for Liverpool, scoring 21 goals in the process.

From the glory of his European Cup hat-trick against Bayern Munich, Evans won an F.A. Cup runners-up medal in 1971 when Liverpool was beaten 2-1 in the final by Arsenal.

Unfortunately for Evans, he and Liverpool were to part company not long after.

Alun was dropped from the Liverpool team, and reacted by asking for a transfer.

"Looking back," he said, "I over-reacted. If I had used my head I still might have been with Liverpool today."

Liverpool is, without a doubt, the greatest club in Britain, and one of the top teams in the world.

Evans may rue his decision to leave Liverpool but at the time everything looked rosy for the future.

Aston Villa signed Evans for 75,000 pounds.

But, as it turned out, Evans' career took a slight deviation from the high he'd been on for so long.

In three years with Aston Villa, he managed only 11 goals in 53 appearances. However, his stay with the club was productive in a team sense, as Aston Villa won the 1975 League Cup, beating Norwich City 1-0 in the final.

Later in 1975, Walsall, an English Third Division club which plays in the same city as Birmingham — as Aston Villa, made an offer for Evans.

He transferred for 3,000 pounds.

"Walsall was a good move for me," said Evans. "I was brought up in the Midlands and so staying in the area suited me."

The 3,000 pounds transfer fee was nothing really. Some players in England want to transfer for as high an amount as possible because they get a 5% cut. But I liked the look of Walsall and the club offered me good terms into the bargain."

So Evans, who has six England under 23 caps to his name, slipped into the Third Division.

But, at the start of the 1978-79 English season, Evans and Walsall had a dispute. The striker wanted a better contract but Walsall held out.

Evans was on the transfer

list for several weeks but a lack of interest from other clubs had him worried.

"The English Third and Fourth Divisions are in the doldrums at the moment," explained Evans. "The economic climate in Britain makes it hard for soccer clubs to keep going."

"I'd been on the list for three weeks when I got an offer from South Melbourne. It didn't take me long to make up my mind. I thought it would be nice to get a break so I agreed to come."

Evans scored around 20 goals in 80 games for Walsall. He scored a total of 58 goals in 230 games during his career in England.

Evans brought his wife Mary and two of his children out to Australia. The easy-going Evans was about to start a new excursion into the soccer world.

However, his trip Down Under presented him with a problem he'd never before encountered in 13 years as a pro.

Evans was to get regular doses of the "Monday morning blues" and know the feeling of the "nine-to-five grin." For the first time in his life, Alun was working!

He's a car salesman with Reg Hunt-Rhodes and admits his new life style is hard to get used to.

"I'd never worked before I came out to Australia," said Evans. "It's sort of a challenge but at times it's hard."

Alun will have to continue working full-time unless South Melbourne turns professional.

"Everybody at South Melbourne is trying to do things in a professional way," said Evans, "but the club has to get the backing from businesses and the support of the fans before we could turn pro."

"But I think that once one club makes the break, the rest will follow."

Evans is hoping South Melbourne can become a professional club but in the meantime he's enthusiastic about the team's chances for next season.

"We're two or three players short of being a good side," he said. "With these additional players, no team in the league could touch us."

Evans says he was surprised the standard was so high in Australia, comparing it with the bottom of the English Second Division.

"And there's no doubt that the standard will improve fairly quickly over the next couple of years," he added.

He nominated Peter Shame and Roberto Vieri as the best players he's seen in the PSL and Marconi as the outstanding team.

"Shame is so quick," praised Alun, "and Vieri knows all about the game."

Soccer has left a mark on Evans physically. The 28-year-old striker has had all his knee cartilages removed and has had countless other injuries. Because he's a centre forward, he gets kicked all the time by defenders."

And what does life have in store for Evans when he's too old to make a living from soccer?

"I don't really know," was Evans' predictable answer. "I haven't even looked too far beyond the present, but I realize I'll have to get into something."

"I'd like to retire a millionaire," he joked.

On a more serious note, Alun said soccer coaching and management of clubs are two areas he'll be looking towards after his playing days are over.



Rudi Gufendorf: He's named most of the players for the Under-19 squad but says those who don't perform will be sent home.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Victorian players will come under ruthless scrutiny when training camps begin for the national under 19 squad that will compete in the qualifying games of the world youth championships.

If they don't show their best, they won't be given a second chance, says national coach Rudi Gufendorf.

That applies also to candidates from the other States, but the Victorians have more to prove in the light of their mediocre performance in a trial match against Essendon Croatia last week.

"It's a world championship we are concerned with, not a tiddlywinks tournament."

The only Melbourne player whose fighting qualities Gufendorf admires is centre back Steven Blair of Albion Rovers.

However, he will also call into camp George Christopoulos (Hellas), Eddie Kravcic (Croatia), Alan Davidson (Altona) and Jeff Oliver (Albion Rovers).

In the other States the players may not have as much talent but at least they gave 100 per cent effort.

"Some of the Melbourne players were playing like prima donnas — like 35-year-old former internationals who want only to push the ball around while doing as little hard work as possible."

"Indeed, the Melbourne players let themselves down and worse still, they let down their coach, Bill Curran."

"However, in our training camps, the Victorians, along with the players from other States, will be given another chance."

"They will have to show me that they are real fighters with the qualities necessary to get them into a national team.

Cosmos wins in Spain



Vladislav Bogicevic

MADRID — New York Cosmos wiped out the memory of its 7-1 loss to Bayern Munich by beating Athletic Madrid 3-2 here in a friendly match.

Half-time score was 0-0. Scorers: Chinaglia (72 minutes) Cosmos.

Bogicevic (77 minutes) Cosmos.

Senin (79 minutes) Cosmos.

Rubio (80 minutes) Athletic Madrid.

Levinha (87 minutes) Athletic Madrid.

Final chance for the prima donnas' of Victoria

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Gilder, Ishtuk) VICTORIAN UNDER 19s 0 at Olympic Park, trial match for national under 19 selection.

Teams:

CROATIA: Banovic (Francic); Smart (Pavlovic), Cotic (Kokoska), Gardiner, Bilaver (Jutrisa), Culina, Vojetin (Andrews), Lesan, Davidson (Ishtuk), Gilder, Franin (Betinovic).

UNDER 19s: Olver (Tsiganis), Kynakouleas (Kakantonis), Drinocski (Belic), Blair, Traficante (Scarlett, inj. sub. Traficante); Christopoulos, Davidson, Selimidis (Crino); Loh, Kravcic, Pitchner (Nicolaidis).

Ogden (midfield), Mark Brusasco (striker).

He was due to watch players from NSW, Newcastle and Canberra today (Wednesday).

Candidates from those areas include Denny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic, Steve Hogg (Canberra), Peter Kay (St. George), Greg Woodward (Western Suburbs), Rod Skellern (Western Suburbs), Tony Pezzano (Hawthorn), Neil Endacott (Newcastle) and Peter Tradinnick (Newcastle).

Asked to name any candidates he has seen for the full national team, Gutendorf mentioned only Vic Bozanic, the left back or midfielder of West Adelaide.

He was also impressed by speedy winger Brian Davidson of Essendon Croatia, but Davidson is ineligible as he is a New Zealander.

The first training camp for the national under 19 squad will be in Sydney or Melbourne on Friday, October 13.

The squad will number 27 players.

The same 27 will enter camp again on Thursday, October 12.

The squad will be cut to 22 on Sunday, October 22.

During the training camps Gutendorf plans to have two games against the national A team of his predecessor Jim Shoulder.

"That way I can kill two birds with one stone," he said.

Friday, October 27, is the date of the next camp, followed by another on Friday, November 3.

From then on we will stay together until we leave for New Zealand on November 9," Gutendorf said.

The first qualifying match in New Zealand for the world youth championship is against Taiwan on Saturday, November 11.

Australia then meets Fiji on Nov. 14 and New Zealand on Nov. 18.

Gutendorf was angered by the dramatisation of injuries during the Victorian under 19's trial match against Croatia.

One player received treatment for five minutes on the pitch and then on the sideline.

Croatia's winning goals were scored by Carl Gilder in the first half and Ivica Ishtuk in the second half.

In the second half, Croatia had six reserve players on the field, yet still the under 19s did not manage to apply any pressure.

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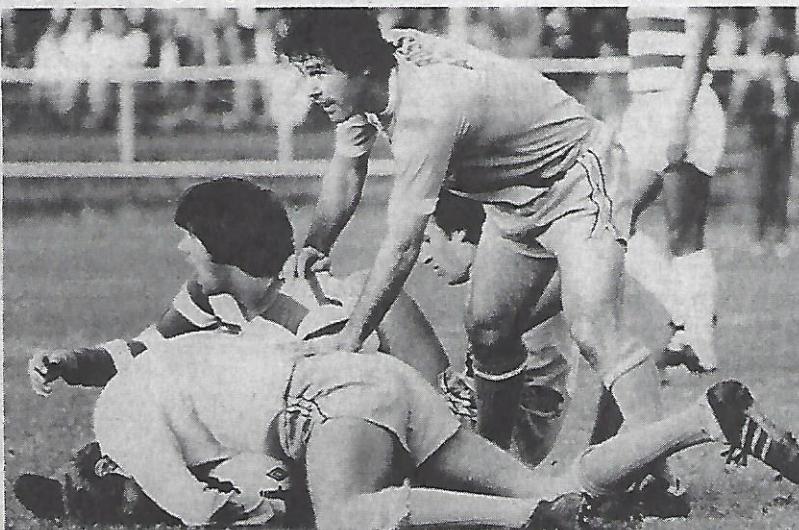
Bobby Charlton (left) was Australia's VIP guest during the 1978 season. He is pictured being poured a drink by Max Talbot, chairman of Newcastle United, the club which brought him from England for promotions and guest games.



One of the most tragic events of 1978 was George Campbell breaking a leg in the PSL match against Adelaide City. Our Photographer Sam Belfonte captured the exact moment in which the break occurred. The man making the tackle is Frank Lister. Also pictured is Adelaide City's Zoran Matic carrying Campbell from the pitch.



The year 1978 marked the end of Helmut Schoen's brilliant career as manager of the West German national team. During his reign Germany won the 1974 World Cup, came second in 1966 and third in 1970. Germany also won the 1972 European championship and came second in 1976.



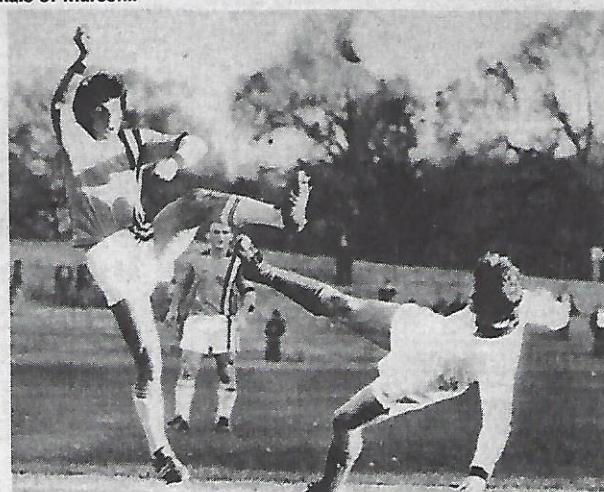
Pile-up! Marconi's skipper Jimmy Rooney calls over a trainer to attend goalkeeper Allan Maher who is down after a clash with Sydney Olympic forward Derek Laing (stripes). Also down is Ivo Prskalo of Marconi.



"Please, not the card," says Footscray's Igor Hazabent as he's cautioned by referee Tim Davies. No. 17 is Andrija Ristic.



"Would you mind getting up?" asks referee Bob Henderson as Brisbane City's Roberto Echeverria makes the most of an "injury". At right are South Melbourne's Chris Kalafatidis and Margaritis Hagegmanouil.



A highlight of the soccer season was Victoria's 2-1 victory over Dundee of Scotland. Victorian defender Jim Kondarios is pictured making an acrobatic clearance during that game. In the background is Tommy Cumming.



Austria defeats world champion West Germany in the World Cup finals, and Austria's goalkeeper Friedrich Koncilia is the happiest man in Argentina.



Peter Sharne put in a valiant effort which helped get Marconi into the PSL final. At left is Con Kampas, one of the key men in West Adelaide's championship triumph.



Hakoah captain Henry Mowbray has a heated argument with referee Barry Wilkinson during the scoreless draw between Hakoah and Marconi. Eddie Thomson of Hakoah and Ivo Prskalo of Marconi were sent off in this unruly clash.



Goal! Jim Campbell of Fitzroy, one of the best goalscoring midfielders in Australia, puts one away against Hakoah-East at Olympic Park, as Henry Mowbray dives in vain to cover for fallen goalkeeper Todd Clark. In the background is Eddie Thomson and at left Jim Taneay.

Let's have a player's union

The ABC's new Soccer program "The Match of the Day" introduces to Australia a former playing colleague of mine and one of England's most colorful personalities, Jimmy Hill.

Jimmy is not a stranger to our screens. He has hosted big games shown here over the past several years.

This year however he will be seen on a week-to-week basis in place of **Brian Moore** whose top-rating English commercial channel show, "The Big Match" won a huge audience here but is now too costly for the ABC budget.

I played with Hill at Fulham in the 60's when he was the only bearded soccer player in the First Division.



MIKE
JOHNSON

He was chairman of the English soccer players' union during that period, a time of great turmoil when the players, led by Hill, threatened strike action to get rid of the maximum wage rule which placed restrictions on how much players could earn.

The maximum wage was a pitiful 20 pounds a week and after months of negotiations and strike threats Jimmy Hill came up with a recommendation that the players should accept a new ceiling of 30 pounds a week.

He said that if we accepted this we could seek a further increase in a year or two.

He made this suggestion at a meeting of several hundred players in London.

Along with several others at the meeting I spoke against the idea and Hill backed down and put the strong motion to the Football League clubs that the maximum wage had to be abolished or we would go on strike the next week.

The maximum wage was abolished a few days later. My club captain at Fulham, **Johnny Haynes**, the then captain of England, had his wage boosted overnight from 20 pounds to 100 pounds a week. Hill has since had a successful spell as manager of Coventry, taking them from the Third to the First division.

He obviously did not like the mortality rate that existed in the English First Division and coaches so upon getting there, he immediately quit to go into television.

In recent times Hill has been in the news as an advisor to Saudi Arabia on how to

set up a soccer structure in the oil-rich country.

Mention of Hill and the players' union brings us to the moves that have recently been made in Australia recently to set up players' unions.

NSW has been working to set up a players' organisation, as has Victoria.

Various unions have been set up in various States of Australia during the past 10 years.

Indeed, I was secretary of a NSW players' union 10 years ago. It lasted for two years, then folded.

It folded like all the others because the job cannot be done by a part-time man.

In England the players' union chairman is a current

player who is voted in each year.

There is however a full-time secretary **Cliff Lloyd**, who has held the job for more than two decades.

He and his staff are the people who get things done — the chairman is only a figurehead who chairs various meetings that set down policy.

The same set-up is needed in Australia.

There needs to be a national full-time secretary who can travel the country mediating on disputes and so on.

I doubt if the game is big enough yet for that, though in time, with the expansion of the Philips League it should be.



JIMMY HILL

Magnificent parade of youth



RALE
RASIC

It was my pleasure last week to watch the under 14, 15 and 16 NSW grand finals which once again confirmed my faith in the progress being made in Australian junior soccer.

In the under 14 game APIA beat Toongabbie 2-1, in the under 15s APIA and Western Suburbs drew 1-1 and in the under 16s Marconi beat Sydney Olympic 1-0.

More than 800 people turned up at Garside Park to watch the matches and the atmosphere was phenomenal.

The NSW Federation certainly deserves congratulations for the professional manner in which it organised this gala day.

Every player's name was announced over the loud speaker as he stepped onto the pitch. Every player had a track suit bearing the name of his club.

And the spectators included a veritable who's who of Sydney soccer: **Joe Marston**, **Mike Johnson**, **Mick Jones**, **John Doyle**, **Cliff van Blenk**, Olympic president **John Constantine**, and his committee, various officials from APIA and a Federation delegation led by **Ken Ferguson**.

The coaches have done a great job in improving the boys' skills and I take my hat off to them.

The only advice I would offer is to perhaps put a little bit more emphasis on physical fitness. In the Western Suburbs v APIA game I counted eight instances of cramp. This shouldn't happen to under 15 boys.

Conquering Saints seek second title

Having won the Victorian Inter-Technical Schools tournament, St. Albans Tech is now out to prove it is also better than anything the high schools have to offer.

Italian Cup for juniors

The popular Italian Cup (Vic), a senior competition for Italian-backed clubs which is organised annually by Fawkner, is to have a forerunner this year.

The Italian Junior Cup will be run by Junyians. Six Italian junior clubs will compete.

The under 12, 13, 14 and 15 and 16 teams of Juventus, Fawkner, Buleen, Werribee, Thomastown and San Marco will compete at Summer Park, Brunswick for the next four weekends, starting Saturday, October 7, at 12.30 p.m.

The under 18 teams of each club will vie for the Mirabella Cup.

A trophy will be presented to the winner of each age group.

The Italia Cup senior competition starts late November. **Soccer Action** will have a special preview of the competition in a coming issue.

St. Albans will compete in a tournament between the top two technical schools and the top two high schools.

After losing 1-2 to Tottenham in the first inter-school match, St. Albans went on to beat Williamstown 5-1, Niddrie 8-0, Sunshine 2-0, Footscray (team one) 4-0 and Footscray (team two) 3-0.

St. Albans thus finished first in its area, with Tottenham in second place.

Next, it beat Laker Tech 4-0, Kellar Park 2-1 after extra time, Richmond 4-0 and Clayton 2-1 in the final.

The St. Albans team was:

George Shinas — Kenneth Raines, Graham Fowler, Frank Zeegey, Jimmy Kakos — Wayne Parker, Bori Viti — Gary O'Hare, David Prencic, David Hobben, Steve Nokolic.

Reserves were Godwin Calleja, Dale Aquilina and Louis Canov.

Top scorer was David Hobgen with 21 goals.

The team is coached by J. Hompaa who coached Keilor-Astoria to promotion to the Metro First Division and Hotham United to promotion to Provisional League First Division.

Watters best at Altona

Midfielder George Watters is Altona City's (Vic) player of the year.

The former St. Albans player was the club's best man in the eyes of referees, who voted 3-2 in the club's best and fairest awards.

Bob Padley won the reserve team best and fairest, and Alan Littleley was the under 19 best player.

Former Green Gully winger **Manny Gamblin**, who joined Altona earlier this season, was voted the rookie of the year.

In a show of club spirit, the Altona players banded together and presented John Wilson (first team coach), John Payne (assistant coach), John Innen (team manager) and Alby Seenan (physio) with trophies.

A contingent of Altona players and their wives and girlfriends will travel to Tasmania for an end-of-season trip.

On their return, the players will train one night a week during the summer.

The Altona committee will be working during the summer as well, with new players the top priority.

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OLYMPIAKOS COMING

The Australian tour, by Greek team Olympiakos, was confirmed as we went to press (see story page 6).

Olympiakos will play in Melbourne on November 22nd. It will play against South Melbourne at Olympic Park on November 26th, and against P.S.C. select sides in Adelaide on November 29th and in Sydney on December 2nd.

Essendon Croatia forward Tommy Cumming (right) receives the Bill Fleming Medal from Victorian Soccer Federation president Theo Marmaras at Olympic Park last Sunday. Votes for the medal are cast by Victorian soccer writers.

It's Georgie's Cup

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header from a Garthwaite free kick.

Then O'Callaghan got on in the far post to head goal, again from a Garthwaite free kick.

Rice struck more trouble in the 61st minute when he could only palm out O'Callaghan's lob, and had to scramble as Kuprin raced in.

But the Cross showed its superiority in the forward division with a well-taken goal in the 75th minute.

Barrow curled a free kick to the area of the near post, and the elusive Cullen was on hand to glide the ball into the net with a glancing header.

Leading 2-1, George Cross looked as though it had finally put

an end to Ringwood's nagging persistence, but Rice blundered again.

Garthwaite, who was taking most of Ringwood's free kicks, sent another at goal from at least 30 metres. Rice came off his line, jumped, but grabbed at thin air and the ball sailed into the back of the net.

The boisterous George Cross fans were silenced but became vocal once again when Cullen was brought down in the area and referee Marsh Monmont pointed to the penalty spot.

Read slumped the ball home, and it was curtains for Ringwood City and its gallant effort.

So the Dockerty Cup became the property of George Cross for the third time in the club's history.

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Ringwood/Wilhelmina umalo joj napravila senzaciju u finalu Dockerty Kupa. Medijum, JUST-ov rekord je ostao neoboren u ovom najstarijem nogometnom takmičenju u Australiji. "PLAY!" su jos uvek jedini klub, koji je osvojio ovaj dragoceni trofej kao član druge divizije. To se dogodilo prilično davno - 1951 godine!

MAKEDONIJA je potrosila na igraču mnogo vise nego ijedan klub Državne lige, ali do sada nije postigla ni jedan značajan uspeh. Postoje rezerve pretprela katastrofu u finalu Armstrong Kupa, ostala je još jedna nuda, a to je turnir cetrkove koji pomicaju lude nedelje je 8. oktobra na Olympic Parku (Oval No. 2). Konkurenčija je jaka. Pored Makedonije, naslov šampiona zele da osvojio prvak Essendon/Croatia, po-benik Dockerty Cupa George Cross i Micic Hakoah.

Franci Micic ima cvrstu nameru da postane uspesan trener, isto koliko je bio uspesan igrač. Vec u prvoj godini postigao je mnogo. Izvukao je Hakoah iz blata i doveo ga u cetrkovku. Sada priznaje naslov šampiona. Da bi se sto bolje pripremio za lute okrušje pozvao je drugi tim JUST-a da odigra trening utakmicu sa Hakoahom. Iako je Hakoah jedva dobio sa 2:1, Micic nije bio zadovoljan jer su njegovi momci igrali snagatorki nogomet, a to je naivije mrezo kao igrač. Jedini gol za "plave" postigao je Andrija Ristic, tako su svil osam navalnih igrači imali daleko bolje i zrellje.

sance. Hakoah je izveo dva prodora i postigao isto toliko golova zahvaljujući jakom vetr.

MAKEDONSKI TURNIR
Makedonija je osvojila turnir osam timova na svom igralistu u Reservoiru. Iako je imala za protivnike nizarezne klubove, Makedonija se dobro nametula dok nije ostvarila ovaj uspeh. Jos u prvom kolu PELISTER iz Pasco Vals je nesretno izgubio od Makedonije sa 3:2, iako je imao više od igre. Tome Apostolski je postigao dva gola, dok je McMillan dao svu tri za Makedoniju (ali jedan iz sumnjivog penala).

U polufinalu je CENTRAL ALTONA pobedila Makedoniju "B", sa 2:0, a Makedonija "A" MECO HOLDING sa 2:1.

U finalu MAKEDONIJA "A" je savladala Central Altonu na penale, posto se ur regularnom vremenu utakmica završila 2:2. Jedan gol za Central Altonu dao je Djordje Marković, a drugi je autogol. Penale su promasili Cole Prelis i Boris Gelevski.

BODOVI BEZ IGRE

Pošljednji prvenstveni utakmici TARAX nije odigrao, jer mu je Sperry Vickers predao bodove bez borbe. Medijum, rezultat se beleži 0:0 a Taraxu su bili potrebiti golovi (naučanje 4) da zauzmu drugo mesto na tabeli. Ali i bez toga TARAX zadovoljan i ponosan sa onim što je postigao o ovoj sezoni. Najzaslužniji za postignut uspeh su Milos Adamović i Veroslav Mladenović, koji nikad nisu posustali, a bilo je tешки trenerat. Dolaskom Ivana Milinovića, Ibre Hadžibabića i Aleksi Todorovića TARAX je postao najveći konkurent Pegazu, koji zadnjih nekoliko godina dominira Industrijskom ligom. Pored gore spomenutih igrača TARAX ima još dva igrača, Mladen Krešinger i Dragana Pantić, koji nose lavovski deo tereta na svojim plećima.

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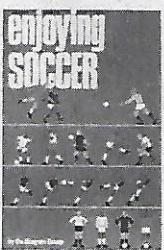
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Spencer scored 54 of Femtree Gully (VIC) under-7's team's 55 goals this year.

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He also scored 10 of the 18 goals notched by the 'B' team!

With that sort of record, some Philips League team should move in now to get an option of his future services.

Spencer and his family arrived from England 17 months ago.

"I watched soccer all the time back in England," he says.

"I followed Watford, they're in Division Three. My dad and I saw them play lots of times and we saw Luton a couple of times too."

"We were going to see Tottenham once, but my dad couldn't find the ground."

"If I practice a lot I might go back to England and play there."

Who for? "England of course!"

Spencer attributes his success to a powerful right foot. "I didn't get one with my head this season, and I got 60 with my right foot."

"In one game against Knox, our defender took a corner and passed it to me on the edge of the box. I just took it and smashed it in, right in the top corner."

"My dad was going to shout out to control it, but I just put it in."

Spencer's best effort was scoring all nine goals in his team's 9-2 win in the middle of the season.

Spencer's father played amateur soccer in England. He was a defector.



Spencer Field
— "Free Press" picture.

Unbeaten champs



Preston under 14s, back row from left: P. Dajkos (manager), B. Karevski, B. Atanasovski, C. Oposinis, M. Nitson, G. Velkou, P. Christov, J. Kalinchev (coach). Front: G. Lazarou, L. Vasilevski, G. Babulos, A. Stoias, B. Popovski, P. Christidis (captain).

contributed to a magnificent team effort and their attitude before every game was perfect.

Top scorer for the season was George Lazarou with 16. Second was Paul Christidis with 12.

"If all the boys continue with the effort they showed this year, they can look forward to a great future in soccer," Kalinchev said.

Coach John Kalinchev says every boy



Juventus under 11s — champions of 1978. Back row from left: G. Muccio (team manager), N. Cipriani, P. Scalera, C. Innamorati, R. Battista, L. Arturi, L. Tzani, C. DiPalme, M. Piccinini, J. Arturi (coach). Front: G. Incantoni, R. Arturi, A. Noto, S. Greco, A. Carpeuther, J. Scalera, M. Muccio, R. Minichello.



Australian Soccer Camps' coaching clinics in Melbourne were again a great success.

In the picture above, the Camp's Victorian coaching director, Bobby McLachlan, shows 12-year-old Stewart Ferguson of Eltham Soccer Club the finer arts of heading.

They're the conquerors

Box Hill's unbeaten under 16 team, pictured after the side's 7-2 L.M.C. Cup final victory over Footscray.

Left to right — (back row) — Walter Patterson (coach), Scott Patterson (forward), Michael Valentine (midfielder), Shamus Van Der Westhuizen (defender), Scott Fitzgerald (goalkeeper), Linton Deane (defender), Jamie Tidd (defender), Dick Featherstone (team manager). Front row — Ian Roodehouse (defender), Simon Kirby (forward), Robert Galli (forward), Michael Featherstone (defender, captain), Keith Waterman (goalkeeper), Peter Verechia (forward), David Singleton (forward), Paul McCarthy (forward).

